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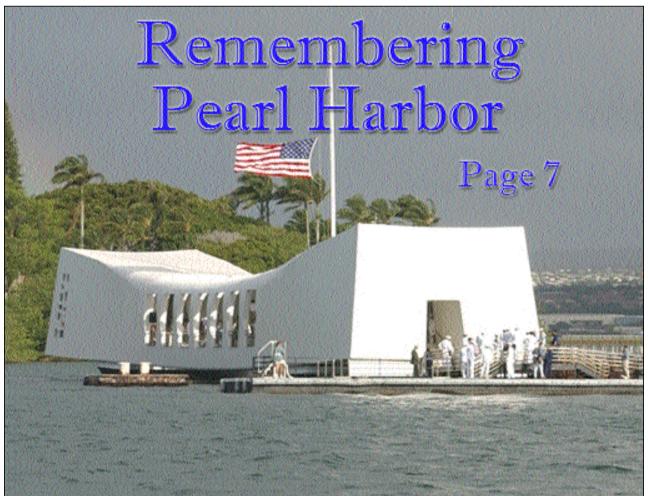
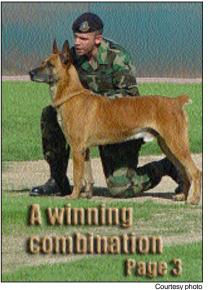
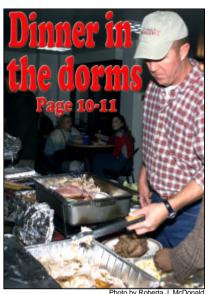


Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Williams







Inside This Issue:

The 'Ghost' of **Christmas Past**

Duane Deal

21st Space Wing Commander

Hopefully. ings, to favorite gifts given away from DESERT or received

or perhaps even thoughts of special foods prepared Comm only at this

time of year. For many of us,

such memories involve a combination of those and of serv-

example, my Dad spent hol- me to be amongst family idays away from home dur- and friends at home, and ing both World War II and enjoying the holidays on the the Korean conflict; my Front Range. But through it brothers-in-law spent all, we must also think of Christmases away in those unable to be with us or Vietnam; in contrast, more with their families - those than 50 percent of today's from Team Pete and the force wasn't even alive at entire military/civilian team the end of the Vietnam War scattered across the globe, ... Personally, I can vividly and those deploying over recall having been a single the next few weeks - all young pilot sitting air serving proudly. defense fighter alert As we maintain con-Christmas Day so my mar- tact with them as they place ried friends could be at service before self, let's home with their families; in pray and act to make this contrast, today we have no year a pleasant "ghost" of

or strategic nuclear forces aircraft. Just 12 years ago like it was yesterday - I As we are already remember being in sending Team Pete members Southwest Asia as a part of off in the next AEF rotation the massive DESERT what thoughts do you have SHIELD buildup, preparing regarding past holiday to serve "chow" to our tent city residents while the daythey to-day detail troops enjoyed include pleasant things like their Christmas dinner-memories of family gather- unknowingly just weeks

> STORM kicking off. In contrast. nearly 50 percent our service members were too young to join our ranks at the time of

that buildup and war. This vear, hope-

ice-related situations. For fully you're as blessed as

such stateside active duty Christmas past for them to CONUS perimeter alert remember.

Action Line

Submitting Action Lines

Space Wing Commander - use it wisely! Try to are working diligently to make sure this hapresolve problems at the lowest level possible — pens. Here's a recap of our activities. Surveys with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get level of interest. The current contractor back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed. If you can't get satisfactory results, call 556-7777. Or you can fax your question to

Child care concerns

Development Center care workers provided protection measures after the events of Sept. 11, the proper materials to provide quality care and additional contract negotiations between the to the children? I have seen times when there base and Adelphia, this effort took longer than were no sheets to cover the mats for the chilanticipated. We've found that all housing units dren to sleep on. Also, we are told that there also require rewiring in order to accommodate are to be no visitors whatsoever allowed into any upgraded service. We have developed an the rooms. Yet I have seen visitors allowed in FY03 project to accomplish the work. On the two of the rooms. Thank you.

ty to address your concerns. The CDC has a es would be available to residents in the Fall. In linen contract to launder all sheets and provide the interim, high-speed Internet is offered for them to us on a timely basis. Apparently, there free at the base library via Digital Subscriber was a problem with having enough clean sheets Line. If you have any further questions, please for all of the mats on the occasion you saw. contact either 2nd Lt. Travis Mabry in the 21st However, this should not be a concern in the Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight at future as the assistant director and director now 556-5783, or Colleen Miller in the Housing provide direct oversight to ensure that an ade- Flight at 556-4332. quate number of linens are available each day. Visitors are indeed allowed at the CDC but they No pets allowed must sign in at the front desk and have an escort while in the facility. This policy includes family members of employees. If you have any further questions, please contact Toni Hansen at

Sluggish Internet

upgraded the Internet service in base hous- standards that are in accordance with Air Force ing? The base housing office sent out survevs asking who was interested in High includes remaining sensitive to those with pet Speed Internet Service. After the surveys allergies. Also, previous experience has shown were completed we were notified that that not all guests control their pets as you like-Adelphia Cable would be providing this ly do, leading to damage to the quarters. Our service within the next six months. I know lodging staff will ensure a list of local pet kenmany base residents who are also confused nels is available upon request. If you have furwith what our options are on receiving high ther questions, please contact 1st Lt. Chip speed Internet service.

ANSWER: We agree that the Internet service in family housing and the dorms needs The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st to be improved. Those involved in the process were sent to residents in April 2001 to determine whether they were interested in digital cable and high-speed Internet. The results showed a high (Americable) was contacted to upgrade their existing system to meet this need but declined We checked with several other Internet and cable providers, but Adelphia offered the best options both in service and in cost. We entered into negotiations with Adelphia in the summer QUESTION: Why aren't the Child of 2001. However, due to the increase in force current program, rewiring will happen in spring ANSWER: Thank you for the opportunior summer of 2003, and then Adelphia's servic-

OUESTION: Why aren't pets allowed in the Temporary Lodging Facility?

ANSWER: AFI 34-246, 2.2.18 prohibits pets in lodging rooms and on lodging premises. The goal of Pikes Peak Lodge is to ensure all of our guests have a clean, comfortable room to guarantee a good night's rest and a pleasant stay. QUESTION: Why haven't they In order to accomplish this, we must enforce Hollinger at 556-6295.



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A Moment in Time: November



- On Dec. 6, 1965, a Minuteman I was launched in conjunction with Gemini 7. A reentry vehicle was observed from space for the first time.
- On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese Forces attack Pearl Harbor.
- On Dec. 7, 1972, an all Air Force crew in Apollo 17 makes final moon landing.
- On Dec. 9, 1941, B-17s bomb shipping near the Philippines in the first American bombing mission of WWII

Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Offi

Peterson K-9 team fetches multiple awards

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

A military working dog team from Peterson took three awards in the 14th Annual Tucson Canine Trials, Nov. 15 through 17.

Staff Sgt. Joe Villalobos, 21st Security Forces Squadron, and his partner Rex took third place for the agility course, seventh in explosive detection, and eighth in the building search category.

Each military working dog team had to place eighth or higher to receive an award.

"The trainers have a big role in keeping these dog teams proficient in their duties, and this was just a way for one of their products to be represented in a competition," said Villalobos.

The Tucson Canine Trials is a civilian competition, with Department of Defense dog teams also invited. Of the 64 teams competing, 21 were DoD ment agencies

The dogs participated in six different categories: explosive detection, building search, agility course, ble decoy. A decoy would come out and fire a gun. tactical obedience, open area search, and handler pro-

Explosive detection consisted of a five-minute problem where the dog searched a warehouse and the dog releases, he is redirected to another decoy. another five-minute problem where they searched Before he reaches the decoy, the handler calls the dog

In the building search, the dogs had to search for a person. In this exercise, a decoy is hidden within a down after the first shot by letting go without the hanbuilding. Dog teams yell to let the decoy know that dler's command," said Villalobos. "Rex got really mad there is a dog present. If there is no response, the han- and continued to hold on to the decoy. Needless to say, dler will release their dog to find the decoy.

The agility course was based on the civilian courses set up for dogs

Villalobos. "They have teeter-totters, five-foot walls, telling handlers here about different things we can do elevated tunnels, and more. We don't use these obsta- to train our dogs even better." cles for our training purposes. I'm very proud of Rex, especially for him to come in and get third place, and only be introduced to it for a day."

Tactical obedience consists of maneuvering around cones without having the dogs by their handlers' sides

The dogs also had to perform an open area search, where they sought to find a decoy in one of training in preparation for the competition. many cardboard boxes scattered throughout a softball



canine units, and 43 were from civilian law enforce- Staff Sgt. Joe Villalobos, 21st Security Forces Squadron, and his military working dog Rex, get set for competition during the 14th Annual Tucson Canine Trials, Nov. 15 through 17.

The dog was released onto the decoy's sleeve and then the decoy would fire another round. The dog is supposed to release upon the handler's direction. When off and he returns to his handler.

"During this exercise a lot of dogs cowered we didn't do so well on this one."

"I learned a little more about Rex during this exercise, but I learned a lot more about different train-"Civilian obstacles are a lot harder," said ing techniques civilians practice," he added. "I'll be

> To choose dogs for the competition, Peterson held a mini-competition. The mini-competition reflected the events of the Tuscon Trials.

Two dog teams were selected to represent Peterson: Villalobos and Rex, and Staff Sgt. Bruce Estep, 21st Security Forces Squadron and his dog, Rin. usually distract the dogs, in order to teach them to

The two dog teams worked a night schedule for focus on the task at hand.'

Finally, the dogs participated in handler protectraining," said Villalobos. "We also used buildings makes not only the handler happy, but everyone who



Rex negotiates an obstacle as Villalobos and judges look on. The military working dog team from Peterson took third place for the agility course, seventh in explosive detection, and eighth overall in the building search category during a recent K-9 competition in Arizona.

"Overall, I was very happy with Rex' perform-"We knew the event was going to be on a base- ance," he added. "Having Rex do well and knowing ball field, so that is where we did the majority of the he did well because of hard work and dedication tion, or a courage test. This exercise was termed douaround base for conducting searches, and toys that
has ever done training with him feel good."

Harvest of Love wraps up successful food drive

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

from Peterson Air Force Base, dreams," said Rolf Deitrich, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Care and Share Development Station, and Schriever Air Director. Force Base spent the week supporting Colorado Springs' largest food drive.

community, helped the 12th at a better time," Deitrich said. Annual KRDO/Care and Share Harvest of Love food drive colior high and high schools lect and distribute 698,119 throughout the county collectpounds of food to area fami- ed truckloads of food, which a logistical challenge,"

year's total or 482,000 pounds, Garden of the Gods Road. and even surpassed this year's goal of 500,000 pounds.

Nov. 18-25.

"Care & Share's annual Harvest of Love has once again Dozens of volunteers been successful beyond our

"With Care & Share's shelves nearly empty, and demand higher than ever in our Their efforts, along with 28-year history, this accomtremendous support from the plishment could not have come

Elementary, middle, jun-



Team Pete volunteers load boxes full of donated food items during the Harvest of Love Food

were transported to the food Deitrich said. "For the 11th from the Peterson Complex food coming our way, we faced of this food in one week."

Over the years, people nity outreach program. effort into a full-force commu- "Outstanding!"

This far exceeded last bank warehouse near I-25 and straight year, Peterson Air have supported the drive. people provide to the Harvest Force Base volunteered their Peterson's participation has of Love each year, Deitrich was "With this amount of time and vehicles to retrieve all grown from a small, squadron able to sum it up in one word,

News in Brief



Holiday tree lighting

All base members are invited to the holiday tree lighting at the west side of the chapel at 4:30 p.m. today. The ceremony will include, songs of the season, a visit from Jolly Ol' You-Know-Who, and refreshments in the chapel.

STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN ON WEBSITE

The new Air Force Space Command Strategic Master Plan has been released and is accessible via the command's public website.

The plan, "Strategic vision; outlines a strategy to implement this vision; and defines a twenty-five year plan integrated across the AFSPC Professional Development VOLUNTEERS NEEDED mission areas, to provide the Committee is taking reservaspace capabilities required to tions for the following semiachieve the vision.

The plan can be found on the AFSPC public website at http://www.spacecom.af.mil/h qafspc/library/AFSPCPAOffic e/Final%2004%20SMP-- from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Signed!.pdf.

OWC NOTEs

■ 2002 White House ornaments are for sale from the Officers' Wives' Club for \$15, and Pikes Peak Military Family Cookbooks for \$12.

Call Sandy for more information at 535-8127.

■ This month's function Please bring six dozen cookies LNarum@msn.com

EPD SEMINARS

The Peterson Enlisted RETIREETAX

- Senior NCO, Dec. 18 - NCO, Dec. 19
- Airman, Dec. 20

All seminars will be held more information, and to make reservations, call Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Rogers at 554-7285 or Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-3152.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The 21st Space Wing holiday party will be at 6 p.m., Dec. 13, at the Enlisted Club.

Call your squadron points | IUNCHFON of contact for reservations and for more information on holi-

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

to the Public.

The 21st Space Wing Legal Office is in search of military retirees that would like to volunteer to prepare 2002 tax returns for other retirees. Volunteer days and times are flexible. Tax prepa-Building 425, Room 2, but not required. All volun-Aerospace Physiology. For teers must pass VITA test. Untrained volunteers must be available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. a.m.-6 p.m. 16-20 for IRS provided tax preparation training. Contact

4403 for more information, or mails generated by NORAD's to volunteer.

PROFESSIONALISM

The 21st Space Wing Annual Communication and Information Professionalism Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Dec. 13, at the There will be a Pearl Enlisted Club. The purpose of is the Annual Cookie Drive and Harbor remembrance ceremothe luncheon is to recognize the Chili Night, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m., ny 11 a.m., Saturday, at the wing's annual communication at the Mission Support Center Veterans Memorial in and information professional-(Building 350). Cost is \$1. Memorial Park. There will be a ism award winners. The guest wreath-laving ceremony and speaker for the event is Brig. Master Plan FY04 and or more. RSVP by Dec. 16, to fly-overs, including a missing Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Beyond," presents the AFSPC Linh Narum at 597-7010 or man formation of World War Wing Commander. Cost is II-era planes. Ceremony open \$7.50 per person. Sign up by today. Call Master Sgt. Marcus Schaeffer at 556-8935 or Master Sgt. Carl Grange at 556-7552 for details and to sign up.

CLINIC HOURS

The Clinic will have only one provider available Tuesday through Thursday and will be open 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. because clinic personnel will be supporting a 21st Space Wing exercise. Friday, Dec. 13, the clinic will be open 7:30 may be some inconveniences,

HELP TRACK SANTA

NORAD Public Affairs is Bruce Amos at 556-5213 or looking for volunteers to help mid-February.

Staff Sgt. Angela Dyer at 556- answer telephone calls and einteractive Website tracking of

> Volunteers will answer phones and respond to e-mails at Building 313 near the Chevenne Mountain Visitors' Center for two-hour blocks beginning at 7 a.m. Dec. 24, and continuing until midnight.

> The facility will be family friendly, with refreshments and snacks, and videos for the

> Volunteer by Wednesday by sending an e-mail to Master Sgt. Gary Carpenter at garv.carpenter@peterson.af.mi or call 554-3525. Include your preferred times, if you will have family members with you, and if you would prefer to answer e-mails or telephone

COMMISSARY **IMPROVEMENTS**

Major shopper convenience and product display improvements began Sunday at the Commissary.

During the process, there as it may take two nights to stock all the frozen products in the new units. The improvements should be complete by

At the Base Chapel



Protestant Liturgical Worship, 8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m. Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m. Protestant Chapel Services combined Dec. 15

The three Protestant services will meet together at 11 a.m. Dec. 15. This combined service will feature the Chancel Choir presentation of a Christmas musical entitled "Light of the World."

The service and musical will be followed by a potluck dinner. All interested members of the Peterson community are welcome!

**For more information- Call the chapel at 556-4442 for available chapel programs.

www.peterson.af.mil -

News

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er backing. Harmony heister --Nov. 26

around the Peterson Complex are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring mark within the dented area. on base. The following entries Snap, crackle, pop, pop, are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

**Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call bound lane of the North Gate. attention to our security and The damage to the tires was a law enforcement concerns. result of a spike strip being Nov. 27 However, rest assured, our pro- used in lieu of the bollards. fessional Security Forces treat The real cause, however, was each incident seriously.

911 medical response --Nov. 25

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and an ambulance responded to the Clinic where an employee had called for a retiree experiencing chest pains. The individual was transported to Memorial bonk -- Nov. 26 Hospital for further treatment.

he following while parked on Mitchell Street. real-life events He stated he had left his tealwith real indi- color pickup around noon, and female family member for Nov. 28 viduals from returned approximately three shoplifting. Seems the musical dent to the driver's side rear quarter panel with a humper

pop - Nov 25

A Security Forces sentry reported a civilian had damaged three tires on his vehicle while driving through the outthe daydreaming driver had working on Peterson, the shenanigans? - Nov. 29 911 medical response ignored the cones blocking check showed two outstanding traffic from entering the warrants from Denver for failinbound and outbound lanes, ure to appear, and contempt of chose to maneuver around court. CSPD was contacted Base Exchange back &

to CSPD

Contempt costs --

ran an ID check on a contractor

transferred to the county jail.

Security Forces respond-

Young & snockered --

Security Forces respond- Nov. 27 Pickup poked -- Nov. 25 ed to the BX where an employcontract employee ee had notified them of an accie ed to a dormitory where a reported to Security Forces that dent in the parking lot. Seems sober young lady had rebuffed

present of a citation for improp- advised of his rights, admitted released. denied the alcoholic window washing (presumably, he drank

all the beer?). AAFES notified Security Animals, birds, and even Forces one of their detectives crustaceans attacked? was detaining a 17-year-old

hours later when he noticed a mental midget decided to many other parties responded tive, the jeans genie was ignore her conscience, posted to the Aragon Dining Facility to turned over to the SFS, who in warnings, the detectives, and investigate reports of animal, turn turned her over to CSPD security cameras by attempting bird, and crustacean attacks. for processing and issuing the to steal nine CDs worth \$115. They confirmed their suspi-summons for shoplifting. Colorado Springs Police cions, finding evidence of both Assault with batteries -Department responded and pigs and turkeys in the serving issued the tune taker a summons for shoplifting. Security on ice. Like the others investi-Forces released the teen thief tremendous spread put forth by 21st Services Squadron for the Thanksgiving Dinner. When Security Forces

Santa's surveillance, or

Security Forces respond- Dec. 1 ed to a base housing unit to investigate a report of an Department, and an ambuunlawful entry. Seems the lance responded to a base them, hit the spike strips, with and asked to respond, and kitchen window had been housing unit, where a man had the predictable outcome of confirmed the warrants were opened, and muddy footprints fallen down the stairs and was current. The knucklehead was were on the mat next to the complaining of pain in his leg. sink. No personal belongings The ambulance transported Photographs of the area were ther treatment. taken to aid in the investigation.

Dorm denting -- Nov. 29 his vehicle had been damaged one driver decided she owned the advances of an imbibing ed to Dorm 1156, where a gov-

the parking lot, and backed young man. When she refused ernment vehicle was backing squarely into another vehicle. the booze breath, he angrily from a spot (without a spotter), Despite her best efforts, there left and kicked a wall. The and struck an innocent pickup was no vehicle damage. The object of his affections later truck. The driver of the striker Security Forces awarded the found frozen beer on the win- was awarded a citation for bonker an early Christmas dows. The young man was improper backing and

to underage drinking, but Dunce denim devotee --

Nov. 30

Security Forces responded to the BX where a family member daughter had decided to make a two-legged discount by stealing a \$36 pair of leans. Security Forces and Detained by an AAFES detec-

Nov. 30

Security Forces responded to a base housing unit gating the scene, they were where a front window was most impressed with the damaged. Seems unknown punks had thrown three "D" cell batteries at the window then ran, and kept going, and going, and going.

Security Forces, the Fire been removed. him to Penrose Hospital for fur-

** If you have any information on a crime, report it to Security Forces respond- the 21st Security Forces



TSP open season runs through Dec. 31

News —

By 1st Lt. Mike Andrews for Dec. 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. ing any bonus pay, toward your 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

with 60 days or more of active Investment (I). duty are eligible for this pro-

tional retirement income

your base pay, with a 1 percent transfer. increase each year until 2006. in Building 350.

vide to the service member is You can make an interfund those contributions. very detailed, which helps them transfer in any month you wish, For more information or to make well-educated decisions without an annual limit.

began Oct. 15 and will run until Investment (G); Fixed Income one to enroll or change their Stock Index Investment (C); vides special tax advantages.

The maximum annual convides flexibility and helps proservice withdrawals for particitribution for 2003 is 8 percent of $$ tect the investor is the interfund $$ pants who can document finan-

An interfund transfer is the This type of information is avail- movement of some or all of your tion plan. The retirement able at a monthly TSP briefing, existing account balance among income you receive from your provided free of charge at the the G, F, C, S, and I Funds. You TSP account will depend on how Peterson Family Support Center may move all or part of the much you have contributed to money in your account from one your account during your work-"The information we pro- fund to any other fund or funds. ing years and the earnings of

Carol Walker, of the Family Support Center. The next TSP account, you are allowed to put up to 100 percent of any incensive also visit the TSP web site at program briefing is scheduled tive pay or special pay, includ- www.tsp.gov.

There are currently five account, not to exceed the limit investment funds to choose set by the IRS. In 2003, you

Open season for the from The five investment funds may tax defer up to \$12,000 to UNISERV Thrift Savings Plan are the Government Securities your TSP account. Dec. 31, so there's time for any- Index Investment (F); Common retirement savings plan that pro-

Small Capitalization Stock Limitations on withdrawals help Any member of the ready Index Investment (S); ensure that retirement savings reserve or military members International Stock Index will be used for their intended purpose. Therefore, TSP partic-These funds range from ipants who are still members of conservative to high-risk, with the uniformed services are limit-The TSP is a Federal each having its benefits and ed to the following two types of Government-sponsored retire-risks. You can choose to diversi-in-service withdrawals: Agement savings and investment fy and have a percentage in any based in-service withdrawals for plan designed to provide addi- or all the funds at once. participants who are 59½ or A nice benefit that pro- older, and financial hardship in-

> cial hardship. TSP is a defined contribu-

sign up to attend the next TSP

TSP at a glance

Some of the specifics of the Thrift Savings Plan for servicemembers include

- Any member of the ready reserve or military member with 60 days or more of active duty is eligible for this program.
- The TSP plan is a Federal Governmentsponsored retirement savings and investment plan designed to provide additional retirement income.
- Beginning in December, military members can contribute up to 8 percent of their base pay. Airmen can also invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay. Total yearly tax-deferred investment cannot exceed \$12,000.
- Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$40,000 in annual contributions.
- Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at http://www.dfas.mil/emss/. They can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support
- Contribution allocations, how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds, can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP web site at http://www.tsp.gov/.
- For general TSP questions, call the AFPC contact center at DSN 665-5000, or commercial (866) 229-7074, or go to http://www.afpc.randolph.-af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

Day of Infamy

Ceremony marks historic attack

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

changed. American service seeing was an attack. members based in Hawaii saw morning 60 years ago.

petty officer first class aboard bombing was becoming heav-ship shuddered." the battleship USS Arizona. ier all around us and we knew gone topside to get some air ters sounded.

Association Web site. "We ... and when the real thing ship, swam to Ford Island and airplanes. I looked across the where we needed it." bow of the ship and could see But this fact saved his Pacific War.

large plumes of smoke coming life. His gun captain pointed to up from Ford Island."

Dec. 7, 1941, the world hend at first that what he was magazines.

him and told him to go aft and He said he didn't compre- bring up ammunition from the

"I remember getting these "It didn't mean anything cases of ammo powder and that seminal moment in history, to us until a large group of shells weighing about 90 and those alive today still planes came near the ship and pounds each," he said. "I had

The explosion was the

Pearl Harbor Survivors' All the training and practicing doomed. Phraner abandoned beam. could hear and see there were came we had no ammunition would live to serve on other end, the USS Arizona is no in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, Navy ships throughout the longer in commission. As a to sign the instruments of sur-



vividly remember that Sunday we could see for the first time begun lifting shells into the A Pearl Harbor survivor pays his respects, and offers a the Rising Sun emblem on the hoist when a deafening roar salute to his fallen shipmates during the U.S. Navy 60th George Phraner was a plane wings," he said. "The filled the room and the entire Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial Dec. 7, 2001.

His battle station was a forward this was really it." He headed ship's forward magazines where it sank and its stripped, and Stripes fly from a flagpole five- inch gun. He had just for his gun when general quare exploding after a hit by an sunken hull still seeps oil even attached to the ship's severed armor-piercing Japanese bomb. after 60 years. It is the tomb of mainmast. after finishing breakfast when "It was standard practice" "Only moments before, I stood many of the 1,177 crewmem- In 1998, another famous the Japanese attack on Pearl to keep only a limited amount with my gun crew just a few bers known to have died the battleship docked near the of ammunition at the guns," feet from the center of the attack. The National Park Arizona Memorial, bringing a "Just as we left the mess Phraner said. "There we were, explosion," Phraner said. "My Service operates a hall-like, kind of closure to the Pearl area we heard this noise," he the Japanese dropping bombs whole gun crew was killed." 184-foot-long memorial build- Harbor experience. said in an oral history on the over us and we had no ammo. The Arizona was ing that sweeps over the ship's That fitting symbol was

special tribute to the ship and render.

The Arizona remains its lost crew, however, the Stars

the USS Missouri. The Contrary to popular leg- Japanese boarded the Missouri

Have a story idea?

Let us know by calling 556-4351 or e-mail us at:

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President signs defense authorization bill

by Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker Air Force Print News

Dec. 2 at the Pentagon.

The NDAA authorizes second to none." the Department of Defense to spend \$375 billion to continue overall defense budget, the Air the transformation of the mili- Force was authorized \$28.3 tary to face future challenges billion for the procurement of and to fight the global war on aircraft, missiles and ammuniterrorism.

cal, critical period for our housing construction.

According to the presi- include: housing.

and maintenance, and contininating the out-of-pocket costs locations. ues investments in missile by fiscal 2005.

every advantage on the battlefields of the future.

"America's military is WASHINGTON -- Pres- strong, and that's the way it ident Bush signed the fiscal should be," Bush said. "Our 2003 National Defense nation and world are safer that Authorization Act into law way. Now and in the future, we will maintain a military that is

As part of this year's

The highlights of the bill for more than 30 days.

- officers

Expect to see ...

-Around the Air Force———

- Across-the-board 4.1 percent military pay raise with targeted increases of up to 6.5 percent for mid-grade and senior noncommissioned officers.
- Reducing out-of-pocket housing expenses from the current 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent in fiscal 2003, eventually eliminating out-of-pocket costs by fiscal 2005.
- Extending several special pays and bonuses through December 2003, including enlistment and re-enlistment

More than one-fourth of and maintenance funds for the remote location when they can would range from \$103 to port a multiyear procurement that amount, \$94 billion, will active-duty force, Air Force not accompany the military \$2,100 each month, depending of additional C-17s. go to support personnel pro- Reserve and Air National member on a new assignment on the level of disability, and Funding the procurement of grams and quality-of-life ini- Guard; \$389 million for envi- or duty. It also extended these would represent a partial to full one E-8C Joint Surveillance ronmental restoration; \$1.3 bil- benefits to family members of offset of the reduction in Target Attack Radar System "It sets priorities for our lion in military construction; remotely located air reserve retired pay required by the curaircraft, one EC-130J and 35 T-Defense Department in a criti- and \$684 million in family component members when rent law upon concurrent 6A Texan II Joint Primary they are ordered to active duty receipt.

messing facility.

- Continuing the existing DoD craft. ■ Extending several special payment of a special stipend ■ Authorizing a Korean dent, the NDAA rewards the Fully funding an across-theservice and sacrifice of the board 4.1 percent military pay December 2003, including retirees with a disability rating issued to military members nation's military members and raise with targeted increases of enlistment and re-enlistment of 60 percent or higher. their families with higher pay, up to 6.5 percent for mid-grade bonuses. It also permits the Allowing service secretaries July 28, 1954. improved facilities and better and senior noncommissioned service secretaries to award an to grant a one-time leave of incentive pay of up to \$1,500 absence of up to 14 days to our military bring credit to our
- It also ensures service- Reducing the out-of-pocket per month to military members servicemembers with qualify- flag and security to our counmembers have the best equip- housing expenses from the cur- serving in assignments involv- ing emergencies to prevent try," Bush said. "On behalf of ment, the most advanced rent 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent ing difficult working condi- them from entering into the American people, I thank weapons, supports operations in fiscal 2003, eventually elimtions or undesirable overseas unearned or excessive leave you for all you've done (and)
- defense and new technologies Expanding TRICARE Prime allowance for subsistence for years of service required by peace." to give America's military Remote benefits to family single enlisted airmen sta- reservists before they are eligitioned in remote locations ble to qualify for retirement et comprises two parts -- the without adequate availability pay from eight years to six appropriations bill, which the of meals from a government years.
 - Creating a new payment for years members of the selected appropriations bill allocates all military retirees who were reserve may use Montgomery funds to operate the Defense wounded in combat and GI Bill benefits from 10 to 14 Department. received the Purple Heart and vears.
 - abled in combat-related inci- privileges to National allocated funds.

ing in federally declared national emergencies.

- Providing \$4.6 billion for procurement of 23 F/A-22 Raptor production aircraft and continued Raptor development.
- Increasing the service's unmanned aerial fleet with the procurement of three Global Hawk and 29 Predator unmanned aerial vehicles.
- Providing \$3.7 billion for the purchase of 12 C-17 tion; \$33.7 billion in operation members who remain at a dents. Monthly payments Globemaster IIIs and to sup-
 - Aircraft Training System air-
 - who served in the theater since

"The men and women of for all you will do in the cause ■ Doubling the regular basic ■ Reducing the minimum of freedom and the cause of

> president signed on Oct. 23, ■ Extending the number of and the authorization bill. The

The authorization bill those who were severely dis- Authorizing commissary permits the DoD to spend the

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Outdoor Recreation continues holiday tree-cutting tradition

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Outdoor Recreation holds its annual Christmas tree-cutting day Dec. 14. Join Outdoor Recreation Dec. 14 to make this old holiday tradition a reality for you and your family.

"Family memories of a Christmas tree cutting are some of the best of the whole year," said Randall Greenfield, 21st Services Squadron. "Don't miss out on the opportunity to create some memories that may well last you and your family a lifetime."

This year, the guide will take customers to the Pike National Forest along Rampart Range Road.

tree-cutting permit, and delivery of the Outdoor Recreation Assistant. tree to your residence.

To save some money, individuals



and families may pay \$15 and transport at 8:30 a.m. For \$20, Outdoor Recreation themselves to the McDonald's in to the tree-cutting site, a Forest Service will meet their guide, Loy Holmes,

will meet Holmes at Outdoor Recreation

"People really enjoy the family offers customers a guide, transportation Woodland Park at 10 a.m., where they day out," said Holmes. "Many people would not attempt this outing without someone who knows where to go and Customers leaving from Peterson what is necessary for a successful trip."

> "We almost didn't plan this trip this year, because the Hayman Fire burned most of the normal Christmas tree cutting sites," said Holmes. "However, the Pikes Peak Ranger district has designated a new area."

> Holmes has been a Christmas tree cutting guide for Peterson for two years. He has worked for Peterson for five years, and has at least 15 years wilderness experience.

> Last year, Holmes took as many as a dozen families over a couple days. If interest rises, Outdoor Recreation will schedule more weekends.

> For reservations, call Outdoor Recreation at 556-4867 by Wednesday.

This Week

■ Holiday Tree Lighting. All Peterson community members are invited to the lighting of the tree on the west side of the chapel at 4:30 p.m. today. This ceremony will include songs of the season. the arrival of Jolly Ol' You-Know-Who, and refreshments in the chapel.

Monday

- Mothers on the Move exercise group. Call the Family Advocacy nurse for details.
- Common Sense Parenting, 10-11 a.m., PAFB Library.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center, Building 350, Room 1016
- Bundles for Babies, 1-3 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Class offered every other month for pregnant active-duty member and
- Common Sense Parenting, 10-11 a.m., Library

Wednesday

■ Common Sense Parenting, 10-11 a.m., Library

Thursday

- Play Group, 10:30a.m.-noon, Chapel
- Common Sense Parenting, 10-11 a.m., Library

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943 ■ Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671 ■ Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194 ■ Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141 ■ Red Cross 556-9201
- Aragon Menu Line 556-4782
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

This Week

SERVICES CALENDARS

Officers' Club



Join Outdoor Recreation Dec. 14 for a Christmas tree cutting trip at the Pike

National Forest along Rampart Range Road. For \$20, Outdoor Recreation

offers customers a guide, transportation to the tree-cutting site, a Forest

Service tree-cutting permit, and delivery of the tree to your residence

New Year's Eve gala, 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Dance

to live music, with champagne at midnight, and breakfast at 1 a.m. Reservations are required. Call 574-4100.

At the



Monday-Friday -- Enjoy our lunch buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Save \$2.50 off the cost of the buffet with the Good Stuff coupon.

> December 20-22 -- Durango Mountain Resort. The cost is \$250 tion, lodging and lift tickets.

The Enlisted Club

will be closed Dec.

22-Jan. 1. We will

reopen Jan. 2.

Enlisted Club

Outdoor

Recreation



December 14 --Snow Tubing in The cost is \$10 per

Woodland Park area. per person and includes transporta-

Peterson brings Thanksgiving to dorm residents

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

As a compact disc played for party guests, the lead singer of dorm resident. a popular music group bellowed out the powerful lyrics, "We are, for a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal.

In a combined effort, The Diamond Councils of Peterson and Schriever AFBs and Cheyenne Mountain AFS planned, pre- Expeditionary Force rotations, temporary duties seem to come up pared, and served Thanksgiving dinner to more than 150 dorm often residents Nov. 24, in the dayroom of Dorm 1164.

Master Sgt. Craig Dockum, president of the Peterson Diamond "In today's Air Force, there are those who have deployed, and Council, "Unless they're from the local area, our troops living in those who will. When you're TDY or deployed, those locations the dorms are away from their families, and we wanted to bring do their best to make such events special. But there's no beating them together socially in a family atmosphere."

The commanders of the various units, squadrons, and bases remember those who are away." donated funds or turkeys, and the first sergeants purchased the necessary meats, side dishes, sodas, and utensils with the remaincelebrate Thanksgiving at my home base," said Airman 1st Class ing funds.

"The 5/6 Council, Top Three Association, Company Grade Officers Council, Air Force Sergeants' Association, and several Operating Location Peterson AFB First Sergeant, also wanted to supervisors and civilian employees provided the stuffing, pota- express the gratitude she feels for the support of her dorm toes, breads, veggies, and desserts," said Master Sgt. David dwellers. "We really appreciate the care that we receive here as a Sylvester, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant.

According to several first sergeants, the chapel and chaplains also played a key role.

added. "Ultimately our job as first sergeants is our people," to show our thanks for what they're doing," James said. Sylvester added. "We have to keep them happy. They're our

and volunteers started to transform the dorm's dayroom into a fortunate, the chaplains delivered the remaining food to the

cover the dayroom's pool table and turn it into a deluxe dinner poverty. They serve around 600 meals a day to 450 table," Dockum said. "We also brought in other tables to hold the clients, seven days a week, 365 days a year. enormous amount of food we had."

The tables were covered with festive cloths and other decorations were added. To add the ultimate Thanksgiving family-style traditions, football games were showing on the big screen television, and music was playing in the background.

Behind the scenes, Master Sgt. Rey Santacruz, Detachment 5 and 11 First Sergeant, spent most of his time in the back carving the massive amounts of turkey and hams.

After the chaplain said the blessing, the gorge-

Most dorm residents here without family

"This is nice because I don't have anyone here to celebrate Thanksgiving with," said Airman 1st Class Michelle McConnell,

According to a newly assigned dorm resident, Airman 1st we are the youth of the nation," and dorm dwellers began filing in Class Saleem Alnas, it was also a good chance to meet new peo ple and see what the Air Force family is all about.

With the current high-operations tempo and Air

According to Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing com-"We started planning this a couple of months ago," said mander, the event was a special outreach to those still at home. enjoying it with those you know at home station, even as we

> "I'm leaving soon to go TDY, and this is my only chance to Kathleen Hensley, dorm resident.

> Senior Master Sgt. Cathy Johnson, 10th Medical Group tenant unit. Peterson is a great place to work."

According to Col. Larry James, 50th Space Wing command er, this was a chance to show the dorm residents their leadership It was a team effort, and everyone did their part, Sylvester appreciates them. "Our airmen work hard every day, and we want

On a different note, the Diamond Council planned to feed 250-300 troops, and there was quite a bit of food left over after the Setup for the event began at 10 a.m., when first sergeants party. "To help spread the holiday cheer and to help those less Marian House," Sylvester said. The Marian House is a soup "The 21st Civil Engineering Squadron provided plywood to kitchen that provides services to help people out of



Master Sgt. Rey Santacruz, First Sergeant for Space and Missile Systems Center Detachment 11 and Electronic Systems Center Detachment 5, carves a ham for dormitory residents Nov. 24.



Airman 1st Class David Mitchell, dorm resident, enjoys a Thanksgiving meal at Dormitory 1164. Volunteers from around the Peterson Complex helped serve more than 200 people a home-co meal for the holiday Nov. 24.



Senior Master Sgt. Neal Thatcher, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant, offers up service with a smile to dorm residents Airman 1st Class Jessica Solomon and Airman Latria Lewis



Airman 1st Class Kari Liloy, a dorm resident, serves herself a piece of cake.



Senior Master Sgt. Brian Gauthier, 21st Security Forces Squadron First Sergeant, cuts pies for dorm residents.

Policy on travel card use changes

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Bermudez 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron

As you may have heard by now, Bank of America has cancelled more than 84,000 government travel card accounts within the Air Force.

Previous policy dictated that travelers not having a GTC were required to have a letter signed by their commander or officer in charge stating the reason why they did not possess a card. Under the guidance from Air Force Space Command Finance Directorate, this in the remarks block of the Department of Defense Form 1610, Request and Authorization for TDY Travel of DoD Personnel.

be asked for their GTC number. The cost of the air-tickets. line tickets and applicable fees will be charged to the



dates that the travel approving/directing official put order is marked 9b (exemption), the Traffic point of contact in the event their cards have been caneither paragraph 9a (mandatory use of GTC) or para- Management Flight will allow Commercial Travel celled. graph 9b (exempted from mandatory travel card use) Office personnel to charge the airline tickets and

the traveler's personal circumstance, the TMF will should verify the status of your travel account with If the travel order is marked 9a, the traveler will require an amendment prior to issuance of the airline Bank of America, and ensure that your travel orders

use my personal credit card to pay for the charges?" The answer is, "No, you cannot." Joint Federal Travel Regulation (Military) paragraph U3145 C.3, and Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) (Civilian) paragraph C2002 C.3 state, "The City Pair Program is so attractive that usage is strictly limited. There are a few exceptions, but in general, only military or civilian personnel on official travel may use the program with an appropriate form of payment using either the GTC, CBA or SF 1169, Government Transportation Request."

Under the Infrequent Traveler Cancellation policy has been cancelled. The new guidance man-traveler's individually billed account. If the travel Project, cardholders should be notified by their unit

> If you are going to travel to a temporary duty applicable service fees to the centrally billed account. location, and you believe you might fall under this If the orders are not correctly annotated to reflect program because you are an infrequent traveler, you are going to reflect the appropriate travel card author-One of the questions asked frequently is, "Can I ization (9a or 9b) for your circumstance.



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Viewpoint —



Little things really do matter

By Lt. Col. John L. Donovan

Chief, Readiness Division at Chevenne Mountain Operations Center

The other day I encountered a young lieutenant in an off-base parking lot, wearing a uniform but no hat. In uniform myself, I stopped my car and said, "Excuse me, Lieutenant, you forgot your hat." Rather than accepting my phrasing as the gentle reminder it there? was meant to be, the lieutenant replied, "No, I didn't. drove away

of common sense." "I was told it's no big deal."

Was the lieutenant right? Was this "no big leads me to the "Broken Window Theory." deal?" AFI 36-2903, Table 2.7 clearly states that look up and see sky wear your hat

that it has designated it one of our core values: begun, thanks to one broken window. But fix that "Integrity First." Do the right thing because it's the window right away, and the community will continue right thing to do. And yet, to some people, this isn't to prosper.

there are no consequences for not wearing it ... or are of integrity and professionalism. When seemingly

from my vehicle to my door." "I'm going by the 'rule tainly makes me wonder. It also makes me wonder into a culture of expedience and mediocrity. why they believe their behavior is acceptable – which

members in uniform will wear headgear when out- James Q. Wilson and George Kelling, suggests that ters. It sets a poor example for others to follow. And doors. No exceptions are made for being on- or off- little things do matter. A building with a broken win- it serves as a "broken window" - a first step on the base, walking a few steps or a few miles, having your dow that never gets repaired leaves the impression road to a culture of unprofessionalism and mediocrity. hands full, time of day or weather conditions. If you that no one cares and no one is responsible. Accordingly, vandals will choose that building in case you're wondering what happened with the hat-We all know this. It was taught to us when we which to break more windows and place graffiti with less lieutenant, her boss was apprised of the situation first learned how to wear the uniform. We know it's impunity. The sense of disrepair will slowly spread and quickly took steps to fix the problem. The brothe right thing to do. And "doing the right thing even from the building to the street, where eventually any- ken window has been repaired, and the lieutenant's when no one is watching" is a good definition of thing goes - littering, vandalism, panhandling, gang hat is on.

integrity. The Air Force considers integrity so crucial activity, and crime. The decay of a community has

In the military community, our customs, cour-Why does it matter? It's just a hat, a stupid rule, tesies, and standards are often the broken windows small infractions such as not wearing a hat, not salut-When I see a military person outdoors without a ing, or treating superiors disrespectfully are over-It's right here," gesturing with the hat in her hand. I hat, or committing some other minor infraction, it looked or tolerated, they slowly become part of an told her she needed to wear it when outdoors, and makes me question their integrity. If they can't even organization's culture. A lack of standards becomes follow so simple a directive as "Wear your hat out- the standard, pushing the idea of what is acceptable Later that day I again encountered the same lieu-doors," what else are they unwilling or unable to do? to include even more serious deviations. New tenant - same parking lot, same missing hat. When I What other corners do they cut? Pencil-whip inspec- arrivals quickly pick up on and adopt these deviatold her she had once again "forgotten" her hat, she tion results? Say they never received an important tions, regardless of what they learned in basic trainresponded with many of the excuses I've heard in the message when in fact they just forgot to respond? ing or officer training, because this is "the real past for not wearing a hat outdoors, and a few new ones Share classified information with a civilian buddy? world" now, and they're learning by example how to as well: "My hands are full." "It's just a few steps." "I Drive while intoxicated? I have no way of knowing function in this new community. It is a slow and don't have to wear a hat off base." "I'm only going where they draw the line, but the example they set cerinsidious process that turns a culture of excellence

In other words, not wearing a hat outdoors is a small infraction with big implications. It makes those The "Broken Window Theory," developed by who observe it question your integrity in other mat-

No big deal? A very big deal, indeed. And in

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Peak Performer

Name: Donald D. Meyer

Unit: 721st Civil Engineer Squadron Duty Title: Materials Aquisition Administrator Time in Service: I have been employed for two years on this contract and am a retired E-7

with the U.S. Navy. Hometown: Fullerton, Neb.

Off-duty Interests: League bowling, competitive activities at Jenkins Elementary.

Why did you join the military? I joined the Navy to serve our great nation and see the world. I retired with more than 21 years of honorable service and secured a job with SMI International here at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, maintaining the infrastructure and supporting critical mission utility systems. Favorite part of your job: My favorite part of the job is talking and negotiating with the many vendors throughout Colorado and other parts of the U.S. I find people of various backgrounds in the areas I deal with and they invariably have a story to share while we are conducting busi-

ness. People and I meet many in pursuit of this job. What inspires



you to do what you do? My inspiration here at CMAFS is to be the best at locating all materiand leisure golf, participating in my son's school al/equipment required by the Civil Engineering contractor, and successfully procure these items at the most competitive price. I try to accomplish this while meeting all government statues for supporting small and disadvantaged businesses. Purchasing supplies at the very best price not only helps our company meet it's financial goals, but also saves valuable supply dollars.

What goals do you have: My goals are to be a successful parent, help SMI be as successful as possible here inside CMAFS, and become the best golfer here at CMAFS. I also aspire to rise in the company, perhaps one day becoming the project manager for this contract.

December is Drinking and Drugged Driving "3D" Awareness Month

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December tops the list as deadliest of months to drive. Deaths go up due to alcohol consumption, as well as worsened weather, during the holidays.

There were 16,653 alcohol-related fatalities in 2000 – 40 percent of the total traffic fatalities for the year. Every 33 minutes, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash.

It's not just alcohol impairing drivers. Drugs like marijuana and LSD, and the rave drugs Ecstacy, Ketamine, and Rohypnol, also contribute to traffic

Approximately 1.5 million drivers were arrested in 1999 for driving under the influence of alcohol or nar-

Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., 1 in 13 drivers on the road is legally impaired. Between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on weekend mornings, 1 in 7 is drunk.

Even if you're sober, others might not be. Keep your eyes open.

> Plan ahead ... Take a taxi Arrange for a designated driver Stay the night

Impaired driving is no accident ... It's a crime that



Nothing but net



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips Kobi Jones Jr., 21st Operations Support Squadron, drains a jumper during intramural basketball action Wednesday night at the Fitness Center. The 21st OSS team won the game against the 21st Communications Squadron, 65-34.

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Intramural basketball standings

Over-30 Monday, Wednesday division

Wins	Losses
2	0
2	0
1	1
1	1
E 1	2
1	2
0	1
0	1
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Over-30 Tuesday, Thursday division

Wins Losses

ompetetive division			21 SCS
	Wins	Losses	AFOTEC
1 SFS	3	0	367 RCS
10 MDOS	3	0	Team Colora
1 SVS	1	2	21 CES
1 CES	1	2	HQ NORAD
1 SCS	1	2	AFSPC/DOT
1 OSS 👝	0	3	AFSPC/CSS
100			

Recreational division					
	Wins	Losses			
AFSPC/CSS	3	0			
1 SPCS	2	1			
721 SFS	2	1			
Team Colorad	o 2	1			
84 ALF	0	3			
ARSPACE	0	3			

